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SUBJECT: MUNITIONS IMPORT PERMITS

REF: GABORONE 232

1. DEPT HAS NOT LICENSED EXPORT OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION TO ANY FIRM IN BOTSWANA EXCEPT WESTERN TRUST SINCE RECEIPT REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FROM U.S. EXPORTERS FOR LICENSES TO EXPORT ARMS AND AMMO TO OTHER FIRMS IN BOTSWANA, SPECIFICALLY SAFARI SOUTH, PTY. LTD., P.O. BOX 40, MAUN; MAGNUM ARMS, P.O. BOX 44, LOBATSI; AND CITY GUNS, PTY. LTD., MAUN. THESE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF PURPORTED IMPORT PERMITS BEARING STAMPED SEALS OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS IN MAUN, KANYE, AND FRANCISTOWN, RESPECTIVELY. DEPT. HAS OBTAINED ORIGINAL OF IMPORT PERMIT ISSUED BEHALF OF CITY GUNS BY FRANCISTOWN D.C. AND IS FORWARDING IT SEPARATELY.

2. BECAUSE OF PERSISTENCE OF SOME U.S. APPLICANTS IN PUSHING FOR EXPORT LICENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THESE FIRMS, DEPT. WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO SAY WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH BOTSWANA AUTHORITIES THAT NO FIRMS EXCEPT WESTERN
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TRUST ARE AUTHORIZED TO IMPORT ARMS AND AMMO. WOULD

APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S SO CONFIRMING OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH
GOB. IF GOVT. HAS ISSUED REGULATION OR DECREE THIS REGARD,
REQUEST COPIES BE FORWARDED TO AF/S AND PM/MC. ROGERS

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